

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

July 5, 2006

On June 4, 2002, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Safe Haven Task Force recommendations that included 12 recommendations to effectively implement the Newborn Abandonment Law (SB 1368), often referred to as the “Safely Surrendered Baby Law” in the County of Los Angeles. Included was a recommendation to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites.

SB 1368 allows the Board of Supervisors to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites beyond the private or public hospital emergency rooms designated by law. Since November 2003, the Board has exercised that authority and designated the County Fire Department and 25 municipal fire departments as Safe Surrender sites.

Today, the City of Vernon is requesting that the Board include its fire stations as Safe Surrender sites:

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt a resolution designating the City of Vernon fire stations as Safe Surrender sites in the County of Los Angeles, effective July 5, 2006:
2. Request the Fire Chief of the City of Vernon to instruct all personnel of the Safe Surrender sites to accept physical custody of these infants, as required by Penal Code Section 271.5:
3. Request the City of Vernon to utilize the Safe Surrender kits developed by the County or substantially similar ones developed by the individual city: and
4. Request the designated City fire stations to prominently display the uniform Safe Surrender logo at the entrance to their facilities.

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